# Sunday, July 13, 2025 - Final General Session and Banquet

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## 6:30–7:30 a.m. Roman Catholic Mass

Studio 2

Contact Louis Maher (713-444-7838 or ljmaher03@outlook.com) if you have questions.

## 8:00–8:45 a.m. Devotions

Studio 10

## 8:15–8:45 a.m. Registration (30 dollars) and Packet Pickup

Salon A

## 8:15–8:45 a.m. Banquet Exchange

Acadia Ballroom Foyer

## General Session V (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.)

Grand Ballroom

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### Call to Order and Invocation

President Riccobono gavels the session to order; religious member offers an invocation.

### Blind-Centered Innovations through JAWS for Windows: Celebrating Thirty Years and a Commitment to Leadership into the Future

Ryan Jones, Vice President Software Product Management, Vispero; Clearwater, Florida

Glen Gordon, Software Fellow, Vispero; Clearwater, Florida

### Accessible Independent Check-Out: Blind-Centered Leadership Makes All the Difference

Jake Konerza, Director of Digital Accessibility, Target; Minneapolis, Minnesota

### A Commitment to High Expectations: Leadership through Reflecting the Hopes of Blind People in Education

Anne Lancaster, Vice President, Innovation and Strategy, American Printing House for the Blind; Louisville, Kentucky

### Sexual Health Education and Research: A Community-Centered Approach Driven by the Blind

Mika Baugh, PhD, Indiana University Bloomington School of Public Health; Bloomington, Indiana

### Museum of the Blind People's Movement: Building Support to Shatter Misconceptions

### Reports and Resolutions

President Riccobono delivers important information and convention business as time allows.

## 12:00–1:45 p.m. Banquet Exchange

Acadia Ballroom Foyer

Final opportunity to exchange banquet tickets prior to banquet.

## 12:15–1:15 p.m. Raffles and Drawings

Salon B

## 12:30–1:30 p.m. Amateur “Ham” Radio Group Meeting

Salon C

Talking with people around the world, responding to emergencies, and tinkering with electronics are just some of the benefits of becoming a licensed ham radio operator. Join us in a discussion about the hobby and plans for a permanent ham radio station at the Jernigan Institute.

David Chan, Chair

## General Session VI (2:00–5:00 p.m.)

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### The Eighteenth Annual Dr. Jacob Bolotin Awards

Everette Bacon, Chairperson, Dr. Jacob Bolotin Award Committee, and Second Vice President, National Federation of the Blind; Salt Lake City, Utah

### The Quest for Equal Access: Innovating Blind-Centered Maps and Diagrams

Brandon Biggs, Chief Executive Officer, XR Navigation; Gilroy, California

### From My Story to Our Story: A Life Shaped by Collective Action

Chris Danielsen, Braille Monitor Editor, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

### Lived Experience in Action: Blind Leadership Comes to the Lighthouse Guild

Thomas Panek, Chief Executive Officer, Lighthouse Guild; New York, New York

### Perspectives on Growing Pains in the Organized Blind Movement: A Panel of Student Leaders

Moderator: Anil Lewis, Executive Director for Blindness Initiatives, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

Panel: Manahil Jafri, Staten Island, New York; Gene Kim, Cupertino, California; Kinshuk Tella, Miamisburg, Ohio

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## 7:00 p.m. Banquet

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## Invocation

## Master of Ceremonies

Pam Allen, Chairperson of the Board, National Federation of the Blind, and President, National Federation of the Blind of Louisiana; Ruston, Louisiana

## Introductions and Presentations

## Banquet Address

Mark A. Riccobono, President, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

## Scholarship Awards